

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles,~~ An amorphous silica
particle having wherein the a maximum value of $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ (~~where V_p is the pore volume~~
 ~~$[mm^3/g]$ and R_p is the pore radius $[nm]$~~) is $20\text{ mm}^3/nm\cong g^{-1}$ or more in the pore distribution
curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein V_p is the pore volume $[mm^3/g]$
and R_p is the pore radius $[nm]$; and the
a pore peak radius ~~when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum~~ is from 20 nm ~~or more~~ to
100 nm ~~or less~~ when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica
particle according to Claim 1, wherein the maximum value of $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ (~~where V_p is the pore~~
~~volume $[mm^3/g]$ and R_p is the pore radius $[nm]$~~) is $30\text{ mm}^3/nm\cong g^{-1}$ or more in the pore
distribution curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein V_p is the pore volume
 $[mm^3/g]$ and R_p is the pore radius $[nm]$; and the
a pore peak radius ~~when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum~~ is from 30 nm ~~or more~~ to 90
nm ~~or less~~ when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica
particle according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a
carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 260 ml/100g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica
particle according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 3, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a
carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 280 ml/ 100g.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 4, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 300 ml/100g.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 5, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber – basic characteristics) is more than 320 ml/100g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the OI1 is 9.5 or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, wherein the OI2 is 1.2 or less.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of~~ A method for producing chemical adsorbing agents, the method comprising:

blending the silica particles according to any one of Claims 1 to 8 Claim 1 with a resin, as mating agent, adsorbent (carrier) for pharmaceuticals and/or agrochemicals, extender or filler of various rubbers.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An adsorbent for pharmaceuticals, and/or agrochemicals, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to 8.~~

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A matting agent, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 1 ~~to 8~~.